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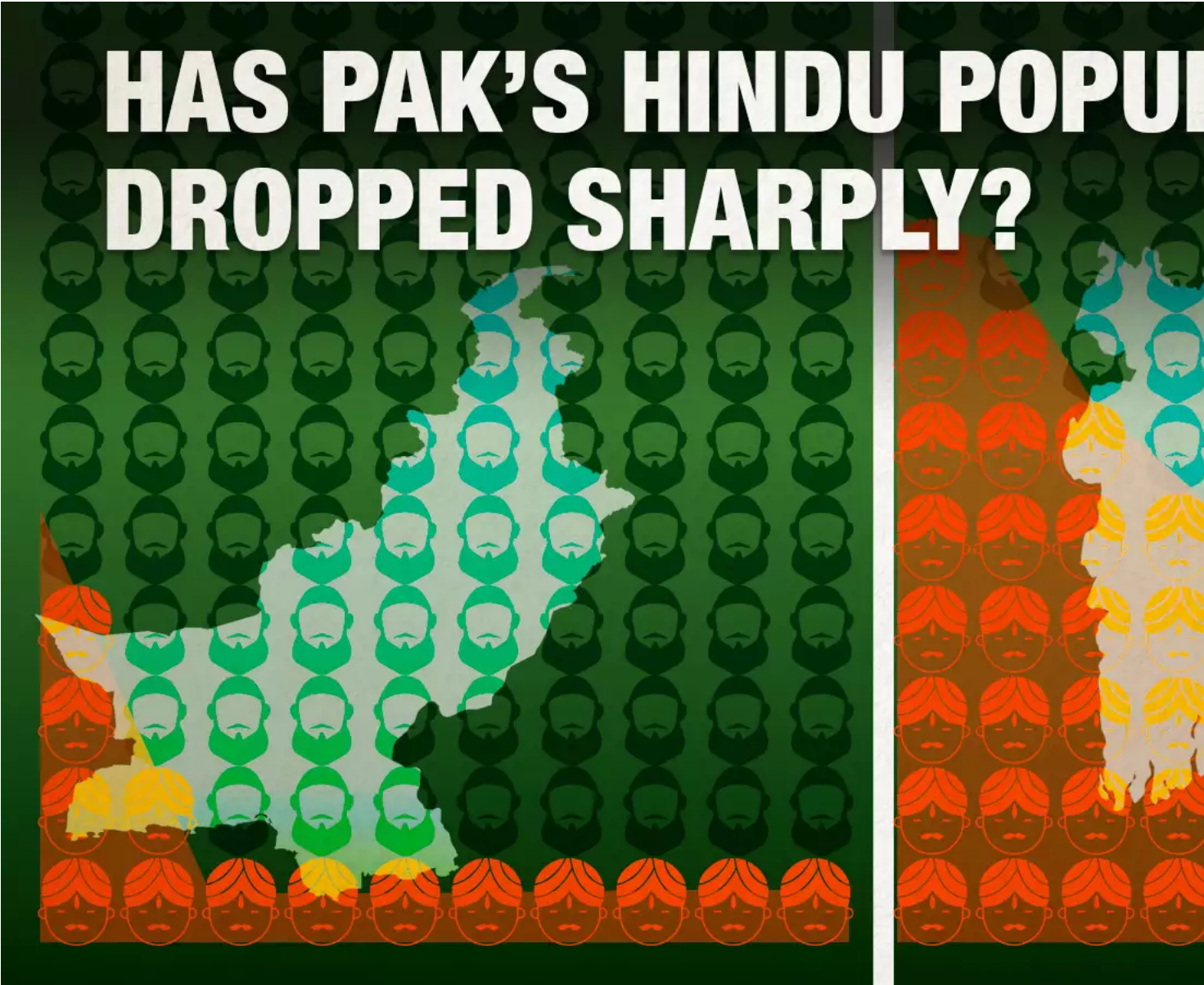
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The government had said in Parliament that there has been a drastic fall in numbers of Hindus in Pakistan and Bangladesh. Here is what the data says. The debate around the Citizenship (Amendment) Act has thrown up several numbers that are themselves no less debatable for how they're read. Hardliners have talked about a drastic decline in the Hindu population of Pakistan to highlight the marginalisation of the community in the 70-odd years since the country came into being. But census figures suggest that the decline, more than being systematic and spread out over several decades, may be more a case of a sudden sharp drop and subsequently a very low but consistent representation in the population.

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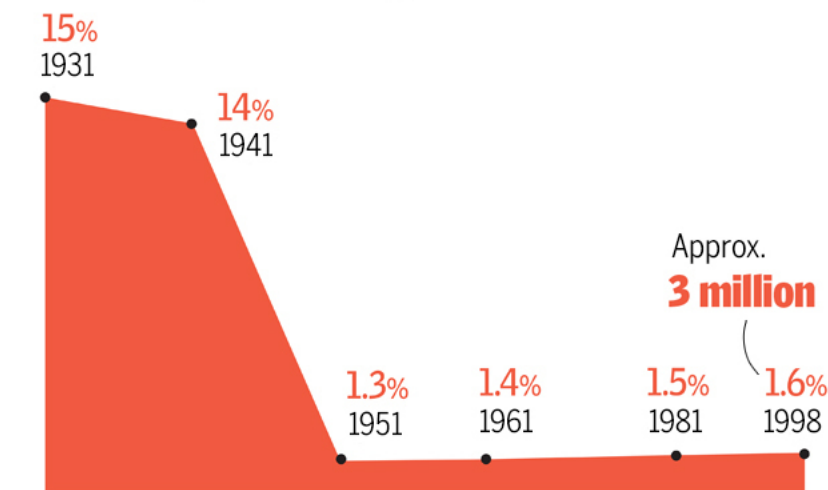
While this is certainly true for Pakistan, Hindu numbers in Bangladesh, too, were affected in a big way by partition and the 1971 War. That Hindus have faced marginalisation in Pakistan and Bangladesh is undeniable, but it is not the same story in the two countries.

POST PARTITION, HINDU POPULATION IN PAKISTAN HAS REMAINED SAME

Rather than a systematic decline, the Hindu population in Pakistan fell dramatically during and right after Partition. In fact, after 1951, the Hindu population's share has seen marginal increases in every census.

In the 1998 census, the Hindu population in Pakistan stood at 2.1 million. The latest 2017 census shows that Pakistan's total population grew to 207 million. Assuming the proportion of Hindus has remained the same, the Hindu population today is about 3 million

After 1951, little change in Pak Hindu numbers

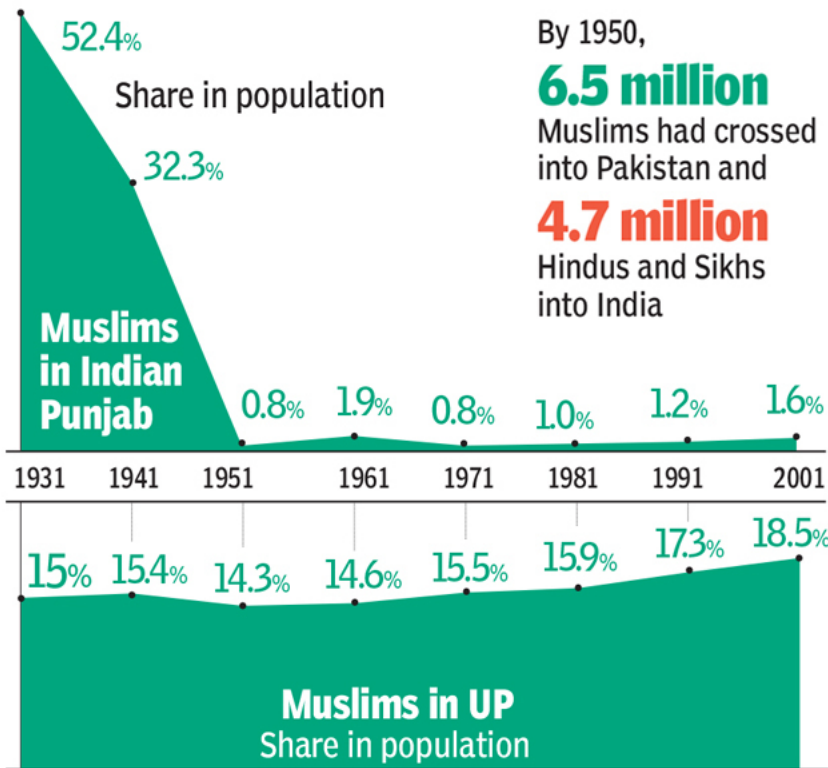


Note: Pakistan Census data. For 1931 and 1941, the figures are for West Pakistan in undivided India. For 1951 and 1961, the figures are for West Pakistan in undivided Pakistan. Data for 1971 not available

PARTITION CHANGED DEMOGRAPHICS

Demographics of Punjab reflect the same drastic drop for Muslim population between 1941 and 1951. A comparison to the share of Muslims in UP's population, which largely stayed constant, shows why the drop in Punjab's Muslim population and Pakistan's Hindu population can both be attributed to Partition. Before August 14, 1947, already 2.1 million Muslims had moved to West Punjab and about 2 million Hindus and Sikhs had gone the other way. By 1950, 6.5 million Muslims had crossed into Pakistan and 4.7 million Hindus and Sikhs had moved into India.

Why Partition explains the population drop



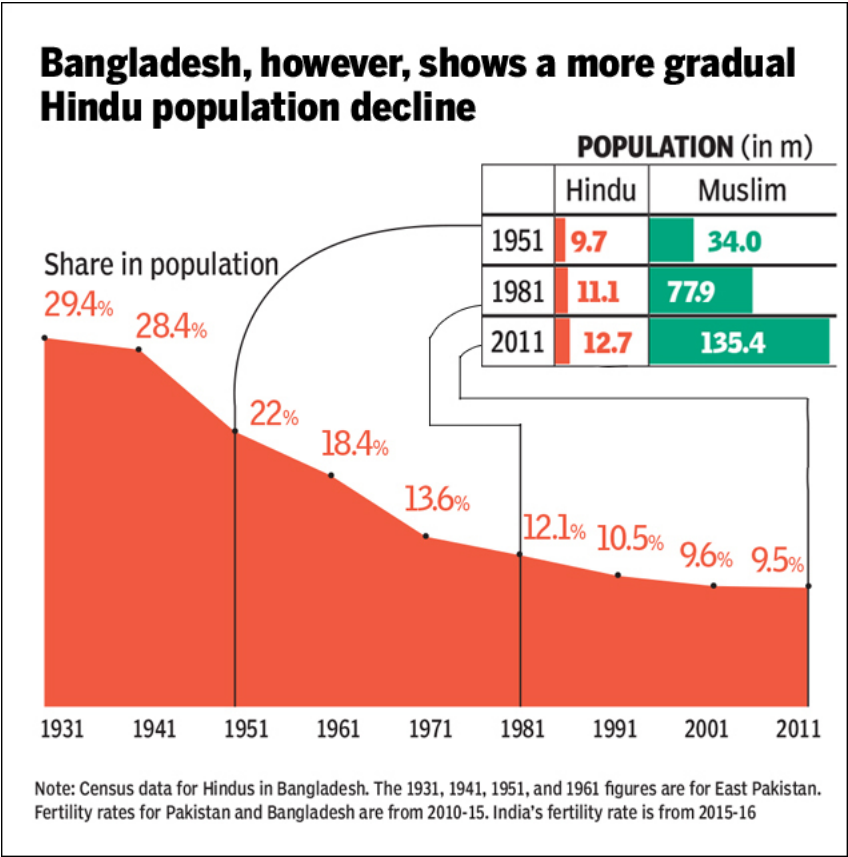
Note: Indian Census data of the Muslim population of Indian Punjab. The 1931 figure is for pre-independence Punjab, while the 1941, 1951, and 1961 figures are for undivided Indian Punjab.



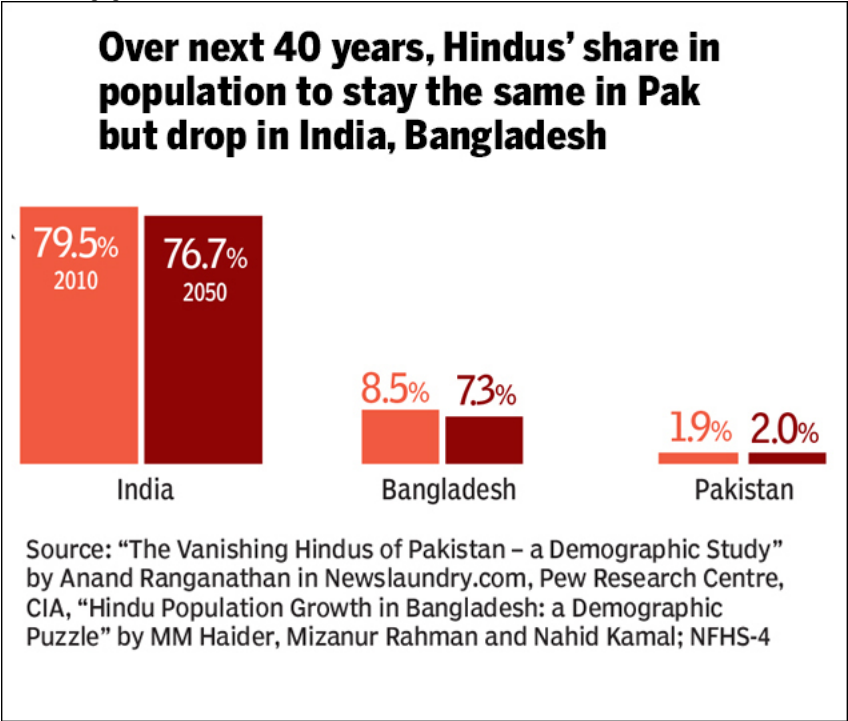
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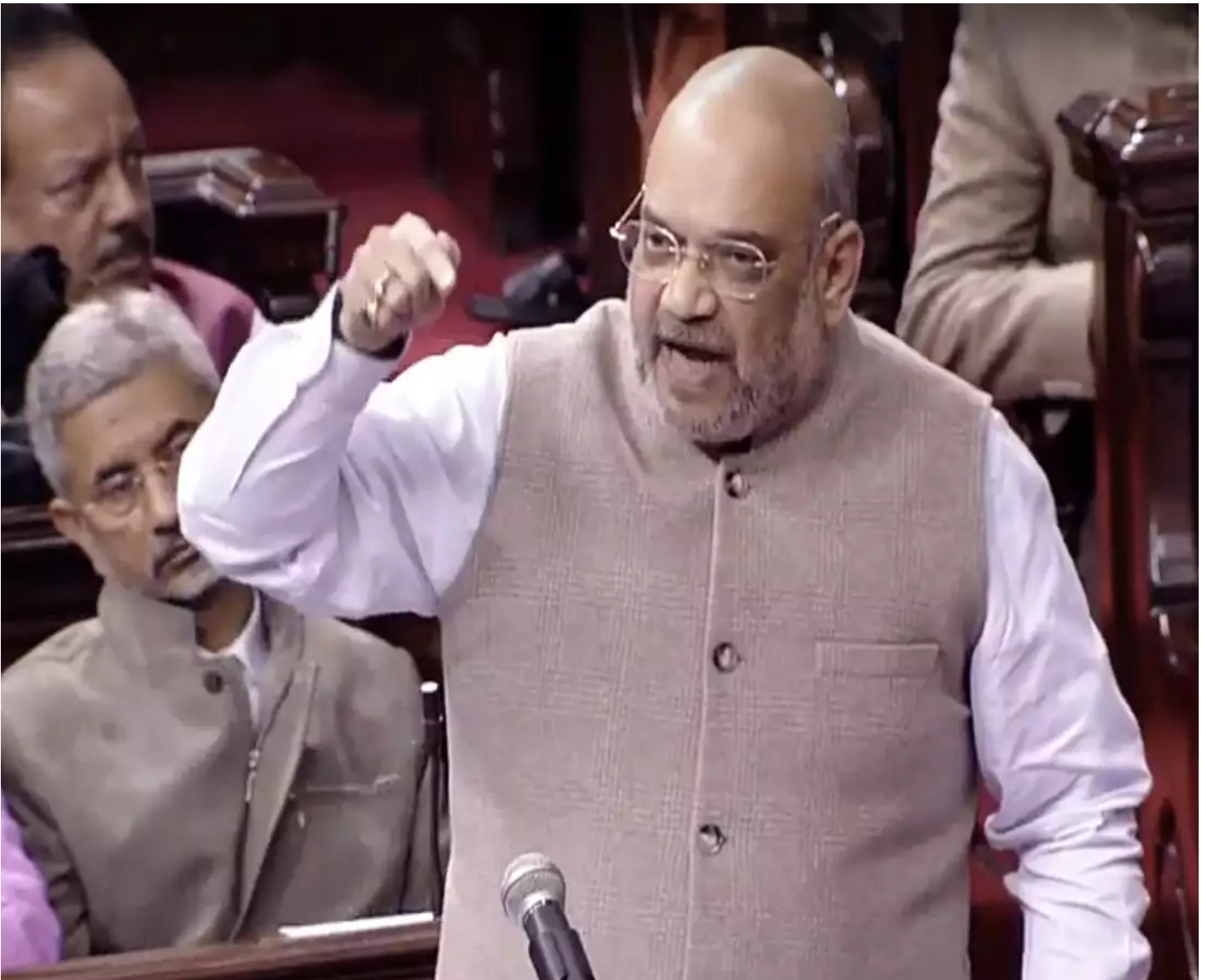
Though Bangladesh's Hindu population fell significantly in the years between Partition and the 1971 war, the slide has continued and Hindus now make up a tenth of the population, substantially higher than their proportion in Pakistan. However, absolute numbers have actually gone up for Hindus, but not at the same rate as for Muslims. One explanation could be the fertility rate for Hindus in Bangladesh, which is less than replacement level.



WHAT DEMOGRAPHICS WILL LOOK LIKE IN FUTURE
The number of Muslims in India was 35.4 million in 1951 Census. It had risen to 172.2 million in the 2011 Census. By 2050, Muslims are projected to make up 18.4% of the Indian population.



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Hindus are persecuted everywhere.Hindus are so liberal,adjusting in nature and they consider other communities as own brothers and sisters to be killed ,wiped out and destroyed .
Hindus must unite ,fightback and capture the world to ensure Hindu rule.Give all these non Hindus who torture,kill,rape Hindus a befitting reply.

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Basically the growth of Hindu population is nil considering the kidnapping and what not they are never ever to produce as much as the population is loss and do not prosper. considering the growth of Muslims compared to Hindu or even the growth of Hindu in India everyone knows that nothing is happening. .

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Still poors won't shut of population growth all of a sudden! Chances are they are systematically under represented by census or killed kidnapped or converted. If that happened to any other minority. Whole world would have demonstrated!

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It seems that this media house has sold its soul to the anti-national powers. Why they come out with such wrong statistics ? Let them tell what was the ratio between Muslims and Hindus in Pakistan and Bangladesh at the time of partition and now. Such misleading information is only to help the anti-India lobby.

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Do you know that even East Bengal till 1860s had slightly more Hindu population than Muslims. Many Hindus went to Calcutta and remaining were under great pressure. By time of Bangh Bhangra East Bengal became Muslim majority !

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If forcible conversions are reversed by legal force in these 2 countries for all cases in last 65 years then picture will be more factual and meaningful to do further analysis.
Hindu and Sikhs in pakistan specifically in Punjab and NWFP have to adopt Christianity in order to save themselves from zealots. They dont have likes of Nasiruddin Shah, Farhan Akhtar or new kid on the block Owaisi to represent their cases and be vocal. I doubt all these thesis will have any meaning until basic issues ... Read More

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Also compare with growth in Christian population in Pakistan. It's almost impossible for any population to remain same or drastically decline unless it's Parsi population! They are highly educated marry late and few children. This can't be applied to mostly Dalit and tribal population of Hindus in Pakistan. Chances are they were killed or converted to Islam. Also many Dalit Hindus were allowed to become Christians . Dutch reformed church was allowed to convert. These are those wretched Masihis! Equally persecuted. Muslim census takers always under represented population of religious minorities so that they won't claim those assembly reservation seats!

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Article is given statistical figures! Worry is Muslim growing rate is very much higher..If continue in next 100 year it is about 50% of hindu. Govt need to worry about this..

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Ye Calculation kaha se lagaya? Agar census 2011 dhang se padha hota to ye bhi pata chalta ki muslim population is among the fastest to decline its child birth rate. The very ideology that another religion is a threat is not worth embracing.

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the graphs are crooked.... do not show the real non Muslim. population of Pakistan.... it should be in percentage of the total population instead of total numbers. that's what gives the correct state of share if population..... as per the UN, minority community is decided on the actual percentage of the community in the country not in total number..... please do not spread incorrect information.

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it's in percentage only. there is a gradual increase in minority community population in Pak from 1951 to present

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Source of this article is more than enough to explain your hidden agenda. Don't try to make us fool.

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Based on this, BJP playing with indian people to divert many economy problem and hatred against religion.
Why cant BJP have single law for whole india instrad of law based on religion. The law should have some individual law for religion but not entire seperate law.

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Are you witnessing any forced marrying of other religion girls by Hindus, just like in Pakistan or Bangladesh. Also, what is the status of Hindus and Muslims as minorities in the countries Muslim countries and India. Can you expect Hindus or minorities these types of resorting to vandalism, even though they are very poor there.

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Most of the Hindus left were marginalized Dalits and tribals. Hindus with some means left before 1950. These people were so marginalised that no one even care to take their true census lest they claim more seats in local bodies. They were leaderless. Some token Hindus got few judgeships etc. Even Hindus of India had no use of them Some were allowed to become Christians under Dutch reform church. I outright reject the premise that their population became stagnant! It's impossible that poorest of poor will practice celibacy or birth control! Chances are either their women kidnapped, males killed or converted. Factors like systemic low enumeration and mass conversion or killings explains the situation, Our civilized !! people find it too repulsive to contemplate genocide! Or who cares about genocide of Dalit street cleaning class! There was no Dalit commission there , no organizers no Gandhians!

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Thanks for clearing some myths.... politicians be it here or in pak....are keen to keep the hot hate fumes alive to survive...? Bluff master politicians and their long handles... were spreading false propaganda ... that India will become an Islam nation - Christians are converting so fast - etc... truth speaks for itself....? Are politics is unable to deliver decent results... upgrades... reforms... politicians (more so the present regime) indulge in exploits of ignorance/sentiments of the masses... to keep afloat in the mad-mad rat race of politics... win polls at any cost by hook or crook....? So far we are on a much high plane than Pakistan... on many counts... freedom in diversity, no military regime or terror dens -- these were our virtues....? Now we have reached a stage... a turning point -- the menacing CAA has arrived forcefully to accelerate the discriminating treatment meted out to minorities... vigilante gangs / lynching mobs etc. seldom caught/brought to book - tacit state patronage.... ? where are we heading to as a nation....?? GOK

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